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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the specification:

On page 1, line 1, after the words "This application is a" and before the words "continuation-in-part" please insert the following:

--continuation application of PCT International Application No. PCT/US98/12331, filed June 12, 1998, which is a--.

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1-60 without prejudice to applicants' right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in a later-filed application. Please add new claims 61-64 as follows.

--61. (New) A method of inhibiting HIV-1 infection of CD4+ cells which comprises contacting CD4+ cells with a non-chemokine peptidyl agent capable of binding to a chemokine receptor in an amount and under conditions such that fusion of HIV-1 or an HIV-1 infected cell to the CD4+ cells is inhibited, so as to thereby inhibit

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